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Honorable Board of Supervisors
Eric Rood Administrative Center
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DATE OF MEETING: February 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment #1 to the Contract with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS) related to clarifying the eligibility requirements for THP+ Plus, a Transitional Housing Placement Program for eligible foster care youth, and adjusting the budget breakdown for F/Y 2014/15 while the maximum amount of the contract remains unchanged at \$180,000 for the period of April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services under this Agreement are funded by Child Welfare 2011 Realignment. The total contract maximum is \$180,000 for the period of April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, with \$30,000 allotted for services that were delivered during F/Y 2013/14, and \$150,000 allotted for services being delivered during F/Y 2014/15. Pursuant to this amendment, the cost breakdown for services provided during 2014/15 is adjusted, while the maximum amount remains unchanged. There are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution No. 14-106, the Board approved the Agreement with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools related to THP+Plus a Transitional Housing Placement Program for eligible foster youth. This amendment clarifies the program eligibility requirements including that participants need to be between the ages of 18-24 and that they have emancipated from the Child Welfare System rather than just approaching emancipation from the Child Welfare System. Also the budget for fiscal year 2014/15 is adjusted to more clearly match the Contractor's staffing costs associated with the program.

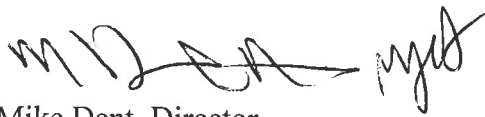
The goal of the program is to provide a safe living environment while helping youth to learn life skills and achieve self-sufficiency upon leaving the foster care support system. Participants may live alone or with roommates in apartments or in single-family dwellings, with regular support provided by the THP+Plus agency staff, county Social Workers and the ILP (Independent Living Program) coordinators. Contracted support services include regular visits to the participants'

residences, educational guidance, employment counseling, instruction and monitoring of budgeting and household expenses, and coordination with Independent Living Skills Program to meet the goals outlined in the Transitional Independent Living Plan. High quality, consistent supportive services targeted to meet the needs of individual youth are essential ingredients to a successfully THP+ program.

Youth may live in either permanent or transitional housing units depending on the individual participant's needs and abilities. The program provides financial assistance for youth to secure housing, employment, education, transportation and other miscellaneous assistance so that the youth can secure a permanent living situation while building the skills and resources necessary to become independent adults. NCSOS works with each participant to individually tailor the program to best meet their particular needs and promote transitioning to self-sufficiency.

Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Dent", written over a horizontal line.

Mike Dent, Director
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